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The first edition of the Northamptonshire Herald & Post will be published on January 2.

Council's £128m 'mammoth task'

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER

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Northamptonshire County Council has to save \$128\$ million over the next five years.

One of the ways it is looking to claw back this cash is by increasing its share of council tax by 1.9 per cent, which equates to an extra 39p a week.

The new figures were published in a draft budget by the authority on

Tuesday, which also states there will be a 'huge new integration' with the NHS in an 'historic shift' in the way social care and health services are provided

care and health services are provided. Leader of the authority, Cllr Jim Harker, said: "The county council has got a pretty mammoth task ahead of it this year and this is a continuation of the task we have faced for the last three or four years now.

"Today marks not just the publication of the budget proposals, but also the publication of a new council plan outlining a new set of priorities for Northamptonshire.

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The Voice star Karl Michael says it's good not to be a winner

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For more on Mr Fruish's new book, turn to page 4

> What is your favourite spot in the world?

Northampton cycle paths

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Tom Baker

What was your first job and how old were you?

I was working at a corner shop in Whitworth Road when I was 10

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Favourite sandwich?

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What three words best describe you?

Bookish, silly and loyal

Editor's

The day I witnessed Nelson Mandela in Bedford High Street

I never really liked the 80s and the passing of Nelson Mandela reminds me why. While Britain was going mad for shoulder pads and loadsa money morals (we were just coming out of a recession) Mandela was still in prison.

Mrs Thatcher was almost the only friend of white South Africa and the news was full of images of South African police trucks driving into rioting black

The world was boycotting South Africa but English cricketers had played there and the British rock band Queen had played there.

We, as a nation, were just so wrong in the 80s

As an awkward, middle class, white teenager I had taken a bus from my comfortable home in the north Bedfordshire village of Sharnbrook into Bedford town centre.

Bedford Anti Apartheid Group had a stall out and I joined for a small fee much to the amusement and disdain of my mates.

The South African situation seemed hopeless, they thought I was wasting money and to be honest back in the 80s

When you have that power there isn't a gesture to stop you

most white teenagers from leafy north Bedfordshire villages were casually racist. I probably was too in a well meaning and ignorant way.

Joining the anti-apartheid group was

an easy protest for a rebel without a clue: I was briefly paranoid that I would end up on some MI5 watch list but from then on I was the leftie in our gang. It wasn't the politics they had contempt for, it was the futility of the gesture.

So did I feel vindicated when not only was Mandela released but he also came to England and visited Bedford in 2000? He was unveiling a bust of Bishop Trevor Huddlestone - a godfather of the anti-apartheid movement born in the town.

I was in the crowd that day. It was amazing to see someone with the historical status of Gandhi or Kennedy outside Laura Ashley. But the big little outside Laura Ashley. But the big little magic trick Mandela had the ability to pull off was making millions of tiny gestures like mine seem worthwhile like voting or giving to charity or helping a stranger or signing up for some hopeless cause just because it seems right. When you have that kind of power there isn't a gesture in the world that is big enough to stop you.

Steve Scoles

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Giant eel found

A rare 8lb 2oz female eel, thought to be around 50 years old, was found by a team working on major repairs of a canal lock in Northamptonshire. The creature was put back after being found at the Watford Lock Flight.

Clown around

The Northampton Clown has hinted he will be back to his old tricks on Friday the 13th. On his Facebook page, Spot Northampton's Clown, he posted: "Friday the 13th soon! "Keep those eyes open if you're around beep beep!"

Nurses guilty

Five nurses who worked at a care home where malnour-ished pensioners lived on porridge and had pressure sores so deep their bones were exposed have been found guilty of misconduct. ee our website for the full

Special devices

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Reece scoops festive E4 role

BY LAWRENCE JOHN

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An 11-year-old boy has been hanging out with some famous faces after he secured a role in the Christmas special of a popular E4 TV propopura.
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Parklands, Northampton, who attends
Parklands Primary
School, has been filming scenes for a sketch alongside presenter Alex Zane. It's all for the Christmas special of E4's Rude Tube, countdown of the funniest, rudest and most bizarre video clips

that have appeared on

video sharing site YouTube. Reece (pictured) is on the books of leading children's talent agency Top Talent and secured the role in the sketch for the festive special, which is due to air on E4 on Christmas Day, after his agent Warren Bacci sent him to the audition.



Reece, who is a member of Royal & Derngate Youth Theatre, is currently performing in its festive production of Wind in the Willows which is on stage until

January 5. He said; "I loved every minute of filming with

Alex Zane, the presenter of Rude Tube.

"I had a great day

filming.

"Alex and all the crew were really nice and the fact I managed to convince Alex he should support Tottenham Hotspur was just brilliant."

Karl: Not winning was a good thing

Karl Michael from Northampton, who appeared on The Voice, feels not winning the show was the best thing to

happen to him. The 27-year-old, who was voted off the BBC TV show in June during a tense semifinal, is now achieving great things as a songwriter He co-wrote The Vamps

recent hit single Can We Dance with international star Bruno Mars.

Karl said: "If I had won that show it would have been the worst thing for me and I did not want The Voice to follow me around like a bad smell.

"I am a songwriter and I am looking forward to recording my own solo album



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Prison role is a fresh chapter for author

Herald reporter NICHOLAS BIEBER speaks to dyslexic author Alistair Fruish whose work with prisoners has inspired a unique new novel



Many authors are used to the comfort of their own home when writing, but one man has to tolerate a more spartan environment: a

prison.
Alistair Fruish is a writer-inresidence in a B-cat local prison, where he works to encourage prison-

ers to be creative.

The 43-year-old from Abington, who was born-and-bred in the town, has had to overcome difficulties to get where he is today. On his last day in secondary school he was diagnosed as dyslexic but went on to become an English teacher and a professional writer.
Despite his condition, at 17 he

started writing and publishing a magazine. This led to a job as an editor in the music industry.

In his 20s he was encouraged to go to university to study English.

Upon his return to Northampton, after gaining his degree, he helped to establish Don't Look Now: The Northants Film Makers Association.

Since 2001 he has made a living as a freelance writer.

Alistair's latest published work is in acclaimed novel set in an acclaimed novel set in Northampton called Kiss My ASBO. It is inspired by his knowledge of

the town and his creative work with the "under-class". It is published by county based publishing company Lepus Books and is available online and from Close Encounters comic

book shop in Abington Square. Kiss My ASBO concerns a young Northamptonian who is spiked with a powerful intelligence enhancing drug. Subsequently the boy goes on an unusual mission to dig up a world famous princess's body - but things get out of hand and ultimately a rampage

ensues.

The book has been described as an "Inglish slanguage mash-up", "unputdownable" and "A grippingly riotous "A grippingly riotous masterpiece from start to finish".

Alistair has already

had interest in adapting nad interest in adapting the story for the silver-screen. He said: "Although Kiss My ASBO seems to enjoy wide appeal, I am particularly pleased that it goes down really well with people who don't normally pick up a book. Particularly young men."







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For more information, please visit: www.malcolmarnoldprep.co.uk



Top 5

Our oldest businesses

Whether it's shoes or Gallones ice cream, have you ever wondered what are some of Northampton's oldest firms? Kayleigh Baker compiles her list of five.

Oliver Adams - Thomas Adams started the family interest in baking in 1856. Oliver Adams Limited was incorporated after it received its certificate of incorporation on April 25, 1969 with the head office located

> Market Sqaure - Northampton's market is one of the oldest and largest in England. Linked to Abington Street, it dates back from 1235 when Henry III ordered that it move there after banning the selling of ods at All Saints' churchyard.

The Royal - Before it joined forces with the Derngate, the Royal theatre was opened on May 5, 1884 with William Shakespeare's elfth Night the first play performed.

Barratts Shoes - The shoe company was originally established in 1903 and soon became one of the leading shoe manufacturers in the town. It opened its large factory that still stands in Kingsthorpe Road ten years later.

Travis Perkins - Originally called Travis & Arnold and based in London, the company moved to Northampton in 1904 and opened a number of other branches in







Authority to cut £2m from budget

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER

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Northampton Borough Council needs to save £2 million.

The budget announcement, in the same week as the county council announced ... draft proposals, shows staff face changes to their terms council announced its and conditions as part of a list of cuts.

However, it also proposes a free parking scheme to drive more people into the town.

It plans to offer free parking the first two hours on weekdays in Northampton's four multi-storey car parks and free all day on Saturdays, alongside the current free Sunday offer.

Northampton Borough Council leader, Cllr David Mackintosh, really about tryto bring ing more people into the town centre to make sure people have this provi-sion so they want to do their

shopping here and, if you bring more people here, it will attract bigger and better

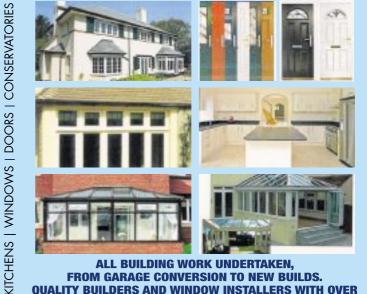
shops," The opening hours of

both Northampton Borough Council museums would also be extended to attract more visitors to both Abington

Park and the town centre, and there would be investment in the number of neighbourhood wardens and park rangers provid-ing visible support in communities.

The final draft will be considered on February 19 before full council sets the budget on February 24.

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that obviously helps. Many tradespeople have struggled since last year and I honestly feel that during the good times a minority perhaps didn't focus on customer care as much as they should have done. We make sure we turn up when we say we will, do the job the customer requires and leave their house as clean as a whistle I often get comments back from customers on how they really didn't expect that sort

that his approach is a major work for, which just goes to factor in his success. 'The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've done

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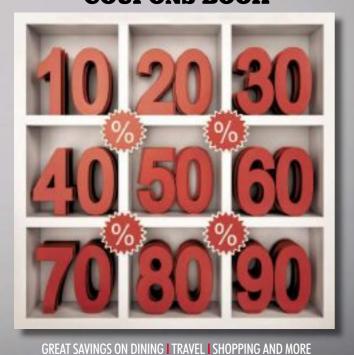
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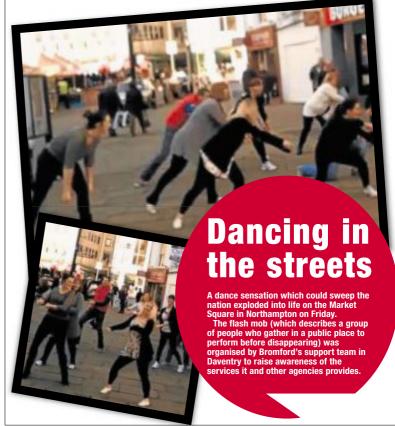
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NEWS IN BRIEF

Bins set on fire

Two refuse bins were deliberatley set on fire in The Drive, Northampton.

The incident happened at around midnight on Monday when the bins were set alight, damaging a fence between two houses.

Moat Lane start

The next phase of the Moat Lane Regeneration Project was marked by a symbolic ground breaking ceremony in Towcester on Monday.

This signalled work to construct the district's new Community Building.

Voucher to fly

There is a chance to buy a special gift with the Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance. It's a £15 voucher to help the WNAA fly a mile. Go to www.theairambulanceservice.org.uk

Time to play

New play equipment for children costing £10,000 has been installed in the area of green space near Riverside Way in Hunsbury Meadows.

It is funded by Section 106 money set aside by the developers of Pineham Locks.

Home security

A roadshow offering free home security and personal safety advice will be in Northampton town centre

It will be staged by the Northampton Community Safety Partnership.

Santa Claus run

Northampton Becket Rotary Club will be taking Father Christmas on his Santa Run. It begins tomorrow in Roade at 5.45pm before going to East Hunsbury over the weekend and Abington on Monday.

Carol service

Cllr David Harries, Chairman of South Northamptonshire Council, is inviting residents to join him for a Carol Service at St Lawrence Church in Towcester

Towcester
It take place this Sunday at 6pm.

Church attack

A 23-year-old woman was punched and kicked by two men during an attempted robbery in St Giles' churchyard in Northampton.

The incident happened between 9.30pm and 10pm on Monday, December 9.



STAR: Abbey-Anne Gyles from Towcester who is aiming for the fashion big time

Model ambitions for Towcester teenager

A teen has taken her first steps on the catwalk.

Abbey-Anne Gyles, 16, from Towcester, recently took part in the World Super Model competition in Fiji.

And she returned from the island with a new title, Teen World Supermodel United Kingdom 2013/2014.

The teenager, who attends Northampton College, spent 10 days in the Pacific having photographs taken for her portfolio.

Abbey-Anne said it was great to be part of such an amazing experience - not to mention being involved in a fashion catwalk and island photoshoot.

Since returning from The Pearl Fiji World Supermodel Pageant, Abbey-Anne has been offered some modelling work with Capezio, which makes dance clothing, and Hupseld Hoerder which is based in Fiji. Abbey-Anne admits she is 'still on a high' after this trip.

trip.
Her career in the pageants started when she was spotted at the Clothes Show by the Miss Teen GB officials who asked her if she would be interested in taking part.

Residents hit out at vandals

BY LAWRENCE JOHN

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Vandals who attacked a wooden garden gate have branded mindless.

It is believed it was broken in Rectory Farm, Northampton, on Friday at about 11pm. The wooden garden

gate to the Community Centre was kicked in.

The incident follows the graffiti spraying at the pocket park a few weeks ago.

Chairman of Rectory Farm Residents' Association, Dr Mike Lowis, said: "My view about this is it is completely mindless and reprehensible behaviour especially when so many people are trying to volunteer to make the area

"We had hoped to enter Northampton in Bloom and it is mad harder when our efforts are ruined by these mindless y o u t h s who want to spoil e y e r y -

who want to spoil e v e r y - thing.
" M a n y volunteers

volunteers work hard to maintain the area and provide a safe and attractive community, only to see it desecrated by a very small minority who seemingly derive

their pleasure from such vandalism.

"It is a shame this has happened as this is antisocial behaviour.

"We at Rectory

"We at Rectory
Farm Residents'
Association
are working
hard to
make the
area better.
"And then
all this
work is
ruined by
this vandalism.

"All good citizens are encouraged to keep a look out for any anti-social behaviour and report it to the police or Neighbourhood Warden as soon as possible."

Police stop 309 in drink drive blitz

Since the launch of Northamptonshire Police's annual drink drive campaign on Sunday, 309 people have been breathalysed, 25 arrested and 18 charged. Inspector Jen Helm said: "Officers across the

county are taking part in

the Christmas operation day and night, to clamp down on offenders and prevent serious accidents and deaths on our roads.

"They are conducting tests and making arrests where necessary."

To report a suspected

drink driver call the Drivewatch Hotline on 0800 174615 or fill out the online form at www. northants.police.uk/ drivewatch.

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MEETING OF MINDS: Young Chef of the Year, Laura Gibbins, meets Michelin-starred Michel Roux Jnr

Table's set as Laura meets 'culinary idol' Michel

The county's top young chef has enjoyed the experience of a lifetime after spending the day working alongside Michelin-starred chef Michel Roux Jnr.

Laura Gibbins, 24 who is chef de partie at The World's End in Ecton, won the trip to don her whites at Mr Roux's famous London

after being named as Young Chef of the Year in the Carlsberg UK Northamptonshire Food and Drink Awards.

idol', spent lunch and

dinner service in the

She said: "Going Laura, who describes the French-born chef behind the scenes at Le and co-host of the current BBC Gavroche was just the most amazing experi-MasterChef: The ence and a real dream Professionals series as come true. her 'lifelong culinary

"My favourite part, aside from meeting

restaurant's kitchens,

observing the team in

action as well as doing

some prep work

herself

course, was watching the chefs in action and seeing how brilliantly they worked as a team to bring everything together to perfection.

"I also got the opportunity to do a bit of taste-testing, which was pretty special and it's really opened my eyes to what I might achieve with hard work and

MP blasts move to up his pay to £74k

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER

Plans to award MPs an 11 per

rent pay rise have been slammed as 'inappropriate'.

Northampton North MP Michael Ellis is opposing the recommendations by the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority (IPSA), which would see salaries rise £7,600 to £74,000.

The increase is due to take effect after the general election in 2015, and comes as part of a list of changes to MPs' salary and benefits which would see some allow-

ances scrapped.

It is expected to cost the public purse £4.6 million.

Mr Ellis (pictured) said: "I

think it's completely inappropriate for this body to have suggested this at this time.

"I don't support their conclusions. I think they are

are inappropriate.

Ipsa won't need to get the agreement of parliament to bring in the changes.

He added: "Before I came to parliament, following the expenses scandal, there was a demand that MPs do not set their own salary - which had previously been the case - so an independent body was set up so that MPs did not have any control over

their salary.

"The body is claiming at the moment that there will not be a vote on it and that it will automatically be put into our bank accounts.

"I think the whole idea of MPs controlling their own salary is wrong, so I

can understand why it was taken out of the control of MPs when it was.

"But the problem is that it has now come up with this conclusion which doesn't have my support and doesn't have the general public's

support.
"It has produced what in my view is a wholly inappropriate recommendation when we are going through a period of austerity thanks to the profligacy of the previous Labour government, and where there are savings that are having to be made and pay restraints that

are having to be exercised - it is just wrong. So I am opposed to it." The full details

of the plans by will be Ipsa unveiled

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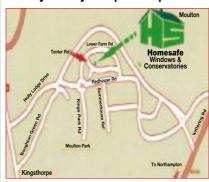
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She will never be without the Dolce & Gabbana leopard print shades.

Lora explained the sun can be just as bright in the winter as it is in the summer and the glasses give her eyes a rest.





Tagtalk

A collection of a popular hashtag each week. This week we searched #NelsonMandela

Robyn @latimesdixon

The atmosphere at #NelsonMandela home is striking for the lack of weeping. It's more of a spontaneous celebration. He would have liked that.

Sarah Brown @SarahBrownUK

"The greatest of our generation, hero not just of our times but of all time" #NelsonMandela

Paul McLean @polmac7

Worked for the freedom of his people, built peace and built a joint society. A true legend of men #NelsonMandela

Bethy Murray @_BEEETHY

What devastating news:(rest in peace to a true hero #nelsonmandela





Managing director of Kier, Graham Howe, takes time out of his busy day to read the *Herald* & *Post*.

Mr Howe is seen pictured at The University of Northampton's ground breaking ceremony marking the start of construction of its Innovation Centre. Kier is also responsible for building the university's new student accommodation at St John's, a former car park.

Your Herald Letters



Parking initiative is the 'best news in 15 years'

Northampton Borough Council is recommending free parking for two hours in all its council run car parks plus free parking all day on Saturday.

This is the best news I have heard for more than 15 years. At long last someone is doing something for the hard-pressed business owners in this town. Well done Councillor David

Mackintosh. Marie Boullemier Owner of Derngate Gym

Will MPs follow Ed's lead and refuse rise?

An 11 per cent pay rise for MPs from 2015.

Just read that is the IPSA decision.

Will our MPs accept the recommendation or will they follow the example of Ed Miliband by refusing to accept the increase?

Apparently thereafter increases will be in line with 'national wages' so temptation to accept will be strong.

Michael Wells Rushden

Big thank you to all at Northampton General

May I, through your column, pay tribute to Northampton General Hospital.

I recently needed admittance to the hospital from the Harborough Lodge Dialysis Unit.

May I take this opportunity to thank the efficiency of the staff at the unit, as well as Dr Pickering and his assistant for their prompt concern and response in getting me admitted onto the Finedon ward.

On arriving in a wheelchair and being unable to be mobile for a couple of days, the care, concern and examinations carried out by several consultants and members of staff, and the care and dedication of all the staff along with the treatment given I soon started the road of recovery.

Thank you to all the consultants and staff, last but not least the hospital porters and the kitchen

staff for supplying the food.
One would also like to thank the rheumatology services and the theatre for their efficient professionalism in carrying out their duties. Once again a big thank you to all

Colin Lill East Hunsbury

Help me to aid these poor stray animals

Another year draws to a close adding once more to the 40 years that

I have been working to help the strays of Northampton.

strays of Northampton.
Owing to a breakdown in
communications between the
RSPCA and myself, I came upon a
colony of 20 adult cats and kittens
who were all starving.

who were all starving.
It was one of the worst cases I have ever come across and the sight of kittens squashed by cars on the road made it even more distress-

ing.
Normally I would have the adults neutered before things reach this stage, but in this case I will need at least 12 months supply of kitten food to help them back to health as their diet had been any scraps they could scavenge. I was also told of an animal

I was also told of an animal charity which rehomed a cat at a smallholding. When neighbours confronted the owner, her response was that she wasn't going to feed it as she had got it to catch the mice on her land.

This is yet another exam-

ple of ignorance and cruelty - whether a cat be feral or domestic it still needs food, shelter and care.

Whilst animal charities do a great deal of good in rehoming, they must always ensure the welfare of the animal and be certain that they are not actually creating another problem, i.e. another stray on the streets.

The most exploited animals of all are those that are bred for food, and at this time of year when thousand upon thousand of turkeys are slaughtered for man's

greed, please spare a thought for the voiceless ones. I am once again

I am once again appealing to the generosity of your readers and the people of Northampton for lots and lots of cat food. In the present economic climate the number of strays needing my help escalates with each year that passes. I would like how Pach will for their

year that passes. I would I to thank Rochmills for their kindness.

Thank you in anticipation.

Maureen Cook

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WHAT A SELECTION: Tessa-Jane Taylor from Kids Aid receives a donation from *H&P* reporter Nicholas Bieber

Choctastic appeal is striking a chord

It has been choctastic at the *Herald & Post* this week.

Olympus Care Services from Billing Brook Road, Northampton, entered into the spirit and dropped off a number of selection boxes to the charity Kids Aid.

We have been supporting the cause by asking for businesses and residents to donate a selction box and put a smile on a child's face this Christmas. Boxes can be dropped off at our Waterside Way office.

Dad's dismay at diversion mix up

BY LAWRENCE JOHN

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A father has slammed bus operator Stagecoach for what he calls a lack of duty of care to his two sons.

Steve Riches, from Flore, is angry the driver of the D3 did not look after the 12-year-old and 14-year-old.

The bus was diverted last Friday due to a flooded road between Upper Heyford and Nether Heyford.

As a result the D3 did not go

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to Flore and the kids got out on the A5.

They said they did not have the money to travel back from Daventry where the bus was going.

Mr Riches said: "I was not

Mr Riches said: "I was not happy about it. If they had walked home and been knocked down it would have been a tragedy. They have a care of duty to passengers.

"Why did he not bring them

to Flore and then go to Daventry?"

A spokesman for Stagecoach said: "We are sorry to hear of the problems our passengers experienced

experienced.

"Following an interview with the driver we understand he offered to take the passengers through to Weedon.

"However the driver should have explained once there they would have been able to wait for the DI/D2 travelling towards Flore free of charge."



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The branch line that used to service the waterfront warehousing has long been closed and only recently has been earmarked for use as part of Northampton's growing network of cycleways.

But once the railway came in the 1840s, the housing built for the rail workers transformed Far Cotton from a tiny hamlet into a buzzing township that was adopted into the borough of Northampton in 1900.

Cottonites are a tough breed and have ridden out some hard times over the years particularly when the river has flooded.

Nowadays flood defences are more sophisticated than ever but when the waters rose in 1939 there was nothing for residents to do but move upstairs and wait for the river to go down.

Far Cotton in the 21st century is turning into a choice place to live.

The waterfront jostles with smart and modern flats while the Victorian terraces in the area offer solid, dependable family housing that has stood the test of time.

The area is packed with independent businesses and St Leonards Road rivals Wellingborough Road for the range of shops and services on offer.

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Injured footballer flown to hospital

A 12-year-old boy was airlifted to hospital after he was injured during a football match on Saturday.

The boy, who is believed to be from Birmingham, sustained a head injury during the match in during the Middleton Cheney, Northamptonshire, and spent a significant period of time with reduced levels of consciousness.

He was initially assessed and treated by an off-duty emergency care practitioner who requested the attendance of the local air ambulance to safely transport youngster to hospital. Warwickshire

Northamptonshire Air Ambulance (WNAA), which the Herald & Post supports, were called out to the incident at about 11.10am and arrived at the scene 13 minutes later. On WNAA's

arrival, the patient was still in a state of



was given pain relief and rapidly flown to his local hospital, Birm-ingham Children's Hospital, for further treatment.

■ The Air Ambulance receives no government funding or funding from any organisation but relies on public support to keep it fly-

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Thursday

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Beating the winter chill with a chilli kick

BY LAWRENCE JOHN

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Producing their hot and spicy chilli jam is very much a 'home made kitchen operation'.

Alex Elliott and Jenny Stevenson are the driving force behind Chillial Chemist which make a range of chilli jam, pickle and chutneys which are all produced in Northampton.
Alex moved to the county

11 years ago while Jenny is from Brixworth. This is very much a fledg-

ling operation for the partnership and it will celebrate its second year in business next month.

Alex, 35, who has a day job at Barclaycard, said in the

future he would love concentrate full time on the chilli jam making business

but at the moment it is still very much a hobby. He said: "It all started when a friend of mine gave me some chillies and I turned them into jams.
"When he tasted them he

said if I could make them regularly he would buy





them. From then on we sold them to him and started to get them into local shops. I am constantly trying new things and creating new tastes. "At the moment we

"At the moment we produce eight jams including mixed hot jam, scotch bonnet jam, apple and scotch bonnet chutney, red onion and chipotle chutney, smokey aubergine and naga chutney, ghost pepper jam (extra hot) and spicy lava dip (with a lime kick). "I am constantly develop-

"I am constantly developing new ideas and trying to get other businesses to sell the product.

"At the moment it is a hobby and I suppose that is part of the fun and enjoyment." Always looking for inspiration, Alex even turned the apples he uses for a setting agent for his kiwi jam into a spicy apple sauce.

The new idea proved a great success with people loving the new addition.

You can follow Alex and Jenny on Twitter @chillialchemist or visit the website at www.chillialchamey.com







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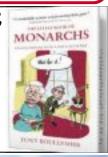
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David to do battle in 2015 general election

The leader of Northampton Borough Council will be standing in the 2015 general elections - hoping to fill the seat left by MP Brian Binley. Councillor David

Mackintosh has been selected as the Conservative Party's candidate for the Northampton South constituency

He won the backing following a hustings event on Saturday at Sixfields Stadium.

Cllr Mackintosh will be hoping to replace fellow Tory Mr Binley who announced in July he would not be standing for re-election in 2015 having been given the all clear in his cancer battle by doctors.
Cllr Mackintosh said: "I am

delighted to have been selected by my party and members of the public. Northampton is the town where I was born and love, so I am really pleased to be standing for parliament to represent our town at a national level.

The regeneration Northampton is vitally important and we cannot afford to go backwards. My



DELIGHTED: Clir Mackintosh will stand for Northampton South

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He was one of four candi-dates in the vote alongside regional chairman of the East Midlands Consparty

commitment to the town is Stephen Mold, Leicestershire resident Jane Hunt and Chris Hayward - the

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Kevin McKeever has already been unveiled as Labour's candidate.



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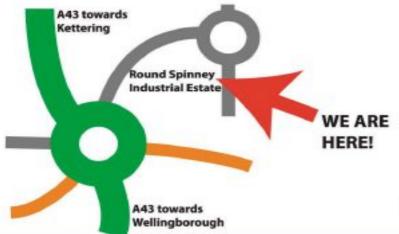
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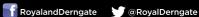






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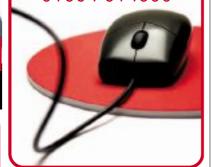
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WHAT'SONROUND-UP



Singers aim to hit all the right festive notes

BY LAWRENCE JOHN lawrence.john@hpnorthants.co.uk

The Seasonal Singers will present their annual concert of Christmas at Abington Avenue United Reformed Church on Thursday, December 19.

The programme will include a mix of carols for the audience to join in with as well as carols for the choir.

Included this year is a brand new piece written for the Singers by local composer David Haddon to words from John Clare's Shepherd's Calendar plus a set of songs based on poems from medieval times.

These will include There is No Rose of Such Vertu from Benjamin Britten's A Ceremony of Carols and Hubert Parry's setting of Welcome Yule.

There will also be a performance of Adam Lay Y Bounden by former director of Kings College, Cambridge, Boris Ord. Other songs on the set-list are Angels from the Realms of Glory by Malcolm Archer and May We Joy Now in this Fest.

Among the new carols will be Ding Dong Merrily on

The Singers will be joined by guests, The Prince of Wales Rattlers, who will

entertain with their seasonal folk songs and their own inimitable style of humour.

There will also be a poem called Jesus Christ the Apple Tree by Elizabeth Poston.

Seasonal refreshments will also be provided.

Admission to this concert is free but there will be a collection in aid of the outreach work at Abington Avenue Church.

The Seasonal Singers, who have 36 members, are a chamber choir established 16 years ago.

They normally give two performances a year - on Good Friday and seasonal music at Christmas.

King Clive's going live

BY LAWRENCE JOHN lawrence.john@hpnorthants.co.uk

Popular local actor and entertainer Clive Fletcher, once a part of the successful Dave and Clive Live Show, is to appear in this year's Jack and the Beanstalk panto at The Deco Theatre.

Clive will play "The King", alongside headlining acts Alison Hammond and CJ

Clive is also well known for his acting, magic and singing, and has played many diverse parts.

He said: "I am delighted to be offered the part in Jack and the Beanstalk and to be back entertaining family audiences over

Jack And The Beanstalk runs from today until December 27.

For tickets and more information, call 01604 622749 or visit www.decotickets.



Moore the merrier at The Diggers

Northampton writer and world famous author Alan Moore will be the special guest at Wellingborough Diggers on Saturday, March 8.

Moore has produced series including Watchmen, V for Vendetta and From Hell. Frequently described as the best graphic novel writer in history, he has also been described as "one of the most important

British writers of the last 50 years. Tickets

will go on sale in the new year.

For details of the afternoon "fringe" event, with guest appearance by Attila the Stockbroker, go to: http://www.diggersfestival.org.uk/fringe

For details of the main evening event, with Alan Moore you should go to www. diggersfestival.org.uk/acts

WHAT'SONROUND-UP

Spring into the latest season at the theatre

BY LAWRENCE JOHN lawrence.john@hpnorthants.co.uk

Eric And Little Ern are one of the treasure troves of treats heading to Northampton next year for Royal & Derngate's new season.

Derngate's new season.

This spring sees the first productions from the Made In Northampton 2014 season.

It will also be new artistic director James Dacre's first time at the helm for this popular series. He will kick off proceedings

He will kick off proceedings with an epic new version of Charles Dickens' A Tale Of Two Cities.

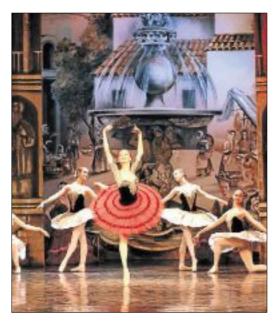
The visiting drama programme includes the hilarious West End hit The Play That Goes Wrong and a great selection of musicals includes Fiddler On The Roof and Beatles' show, Let It Be.

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The theatre's orchestral
season continues with more
concerts by the Royal
Philharmonic Orchestra,
while the Moscow City Ballet
will be performing three
exquisite pieces including
The Nutcracker.

Comedy fans can enjoy gigs from stand-up stars Sarah Millican and Russell Brand.

A plentiful programme of family entertainment includes a delightful new show bringing the Moomins to life on stage, the amazing Dinosaur Zoo and the hilarious stage version of Scooby-Doo.

The Play That Went Wrong follows accident-prone



amateur thespians battling against all odds to get to their final curtain call

final curtain call.

For one night only, there is also a chance to see Eric And Little Ern, a moving and funny homage to Britain's greatest comedy double act, Morecambe and Wise.

Among the music highlights of the season will be a performance by Susan Boyle.

performance by Susan Boyle. It will see the singing sensation coming to Northampton for the first time since she shot to fame on Britain's Got Talent in 2009.

She will perform an enthralling repertoire of her iconic album tracks, plus classics she's never performed before.

For more information about any of the events at Royal & Derngate, performance times or to book tickets, call the box office on 01604 624811 or visit www.royalandderngate.co.uk

A magic carpet ride

BY LAWRENCE JOHN lawrence.john@hpnorthants.co.uk

Members of the cast of Duston Players' latest production of Aladdin have taken to the stage.

The pantomime, being performed at Duston Community Centre in Pendle Road, Northampton, opened on Friday but can also be seen at 7.30pm tomorrow night, December 13, and Saturday.

There will also be a matinee show on Saturday.

Tickets are available now at £8 each or £30 for a family ticket for four people (of any age).

People can buy tickets for the show by calling the box office on 01604 592987 or by booking online at www.dustonplayers. org.uk



To Sir with Love up for top stage award

Theatre website WhatsOnStage has announced the nominations for its WhatsOnStage Awards 2014, and Royal & Derngate's co-production with Touring Consortium Theatre Company, To Sir, With Love, has been nominated in the category for Best Regional Production.

The world premiere stage adaptation of the E R Braithwaite's novel, by Ayub Khan Din (East Is East), opened at Royal & Derngate in Northampton in September this year before embarking on a nationwide tour

Voting for the awards is now open until January 3.

Last year more than 60,000 theatregoers voted in the awards.

Anyone wanting to back To Sir, With Love can do so by logging onto http://awards. whatsonstage.com/awards/vote.



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Business Assets and Divorce

Donald Fraser, Family Law Specialist at regional law firm Tees Law.



What does the Supreme Court Judgment in Prest v Petrodel Resources Limited and Others mean to you?

The Supreme Court delivered its judgment in Prest v Petrodel Resources Limited and Others ("Prest") on Wednesday 12 June 2013.

At the heart of the case was the question of how far the family courts could make orders against assets in company structures by using Family Law to achieve this, despite existing rules of Company Law.

The Husband held a number of valuable property assets within company structures, which were being used as a way to try and defeat the Wife's financial claims arising from their Divorce.

In essence the Supreme Court has answered this question by saying there is a single set of laws which apply whether in a Company or Family Law jurisdiction. Despite this the Supreme Court was able to distinguish this case on its facts to find that the Husband was entitled to the properties within the company structures and so they could be made the subject of financial orders in favour of the Wife.

Due to very specific circumstances of this case, it is by no means an open door through which to attack company structures in order to bring business assets into a matrimonial settlement. However it is clear the Family Courts have at their disposal a very wide range of powers to ensure there is a fair sharing of assets, as part of a Divorce or Dissolution of a Civil Partnership.

If you have any concerns about assets held in a company structure and how these will be treated in the event your relationship should breakdown, then please do not hesitate to contact one of our family law specialists.

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Small was the new big on Saturday

Northamptonshire Chamber encouraged traders across the county to get involved in the UK's first Small Business Saturday campaign.

The move was aimed at promoting and celebrating small businesses on Saturday, December 7 - one of the busiest shopping days of the year.
Organisers wanted all

kinds of small firms to get involved from family-run establishments to local shops and online traders as well as small wholesalers and manufacturers

Northamptonshire Chamber's chief executive, Paul Griffiths, said: "Small Business Saturday was a great chance for small businesses and traders to promote themselves and generate trade.

"Small businesses matter and are just as important as the larger firms.

Cllr David Mackintosh. leader of Northampton Borough Council, said: "I was really pleased to meet a number of independent businesses in our town and appreciated that they took time out on a busy Saturday to greet me. It was great to have a chat with them and hear what they had to say. "We do a lot for businesses

and listen to their concerns, including issues around parking in the town. We've also just announced a new which will help improve the business environment for town centre businesses.

Charlotte's ceramics fired up by a Dragon

BY NICHOLAS BIEBER

A ceramic designer/maker has met Theo Paphitis after winning a Twitter initiative set up by the TV Dragons' Den star.

The scheme, which gives companies the chance to win exclusive support, networking and business opportunities, takes place every Sunday between 5pm and 7.30pm.

During this time, firms are encouraged to tweet Theo on Twitter including the hashtag #SBS and the next day six lucky firms are re-tweeted by Theo at 8pm, which Northants-based Charlotte Hupfield, owner of Charlotte Hupfield Ceramics, did in 2011. Her tweet was shared by Theo to

his 402,100 followers.

As one of these lucky winners Charlotte was invited to the annual Small Business Sunday (SBS) annual networking event at the ICC in Birmingham on November 28.
As a result of Theo's retweet,

Charlotte's business gained more than 600 more Twitter followers and extra orders for its handmade

ceramic homewares and gifts.
Following the event, Charlotte said: "It was a little overwhelming meeting him - I see him as quite a big celebrity!
"There was a big course to the course of the course

"There was a big queue to get a photo with him and I just thought we would literally get pushed in with him for a quick photo and then pushed out, but it was not like that

"He had a lot of time for everyone. He shook my hand and asked if I



IN THE DEN: Theo Paphitis and Charlotte Hupfield, and inset, some of her work

vas having a good time - we had a little conversation really.

"He was really genuine and down to earth."

Charlotte is now keen to spread the word to other small business owners to help boost their companies. She added: "Becoming an #SBS winner gave me a real confidence boost and has been great for extra exposure. From a huge increase in Twitter followers, an increase in visits to my website, to people saying they recognise me at craft fairs as an SBS winner, #SBS has also helped to put me in touch with new business contacts and a network of like-minded people.

Wellingborough firms are expecting growth and more jobs

More than 80 per cent of Wellingborough firms are expecting growth during the next 12 months, according to a

Half of the 60 companies which took part in research carried out by the Wellingborough Chamber of Commerce are also looking to recruit in 2014. Companies highlighted improvements to the station and the need for town centre development as key infrastructure requirements in the survey, which is part of the chamber's new 'Enterprising Wellingborough' campaign.

The results were presented to the area's business community during a breakfast briefing last Friday.

James Wilson, chamber president, said: "Wellingborough has got the potential but it has never quite realised it.

'We have had a number of

development schemes which haven't quite crossed the line down to the recession, planning and viability issues. "Wellingborough has missed

out on investment into the

county, but at the chamber we are excited that this could be Wellingborough's time."



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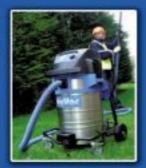
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David reflects on the past 12 months and looks forward to the year ahead

Senior Negotiator David Lentons career is going from strength to strength. Celebrating his first anniversary with Your Move Hobin Roberts, David has proved to be tough competition amongst his

It's the dynamic and proactive nature of the people in the business that have created the success story that is Your Move Hobin Roberts. David said "I can't believe it has been 12 months since I joined the Northampton branch. It's been an interesting year and I've really enjoyed the challenges it has presented".

The property market has become the cornerstone of the British economy, and rising prices spell good news. David commented "The property market has changed a lot over the past year and the recent revival is good for the economy. People moving home tend to spend money, on anything from new household goods to solicitors fees, and rising house prices generally equate to greater confidence. David continued 'The Help to Buy scheme makes expensive property more affordable through easier credit, and first time buyers are getting a helping hand from the Government to get on the property ladder. Lenders have said more than three quarters of applications are from first time buyers. These are exciting times for the industry and we're really looking forward to the year ahead".

The founders, Ian Hobin and Neil Roberts, have always maintained the same positive attitude to their approach to the business. David said "These are challenging times for companies, particularly those in the housing industry, but one of Your Move Hobin Roberts strengths is its ability to evolve and adapt to survive in a changing market. The integration of our Sales & Lettings services has been a great success and the business has grown and continues to expand"

David shares his thoughts on the fast approaching Christmas period. "Many people take their homes off the market over Christmas



because they feel that the market is too quiet, but in fact you have a far greater chance of being noticed over this particular season as the competition drops significantly". David continues "You may not want the hassle of selling at this time of year, but it can pay off dividends. While the amount of homes advertised for sale drop. viewings increase significantly as more people have the time to view over the holiday

Christmas and New Year is one of the busiest times of the year on Right move and Zoopla. With this in mind Your Move Hobin Roberts are rolling out their 'Do Not Disturb' marketing campaign This is perfect for those looking to sell in 2014 but don't want the hassle in the run up to Christmas.

David said "We want to take the stress out of selling and we have a strong focus on client's needs, putting customer service standards above all else. We promise to promote your property on leading property portals in the run up to Christmas. We'll prepare your brochure and floor plan and actively promote your property to our database of buyers. We will line up viewings for January but WE WILL NOT DISTURB YOU until January"

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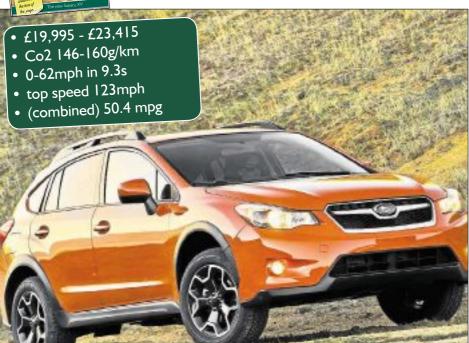
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| UNIX | | | mileage£1995 | | | ROVER 75 1.8 CLUB 4 door, silver, average mileage£1495 |
| Y. | 2003 | 53 | MITSUBISHI SPACE STAR 1.9 Di-D EQUIPPE 5 door, grey, above average | | | HONDA CIVIC 1.6 SE AERODECK 5 door estate, blue, |
| | 000- | | mileage £1750 | | | 86,000 miles£2495 |
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| М | 2012 | eo. | LOW MILEAGE FOCUS FOCUS 1 0 FCO PROST 7FTFC 5 door black 2700 miles \$11005 | | | MG MGF 1.8 VVC 2 door, silver,45,000 miles£1995 |
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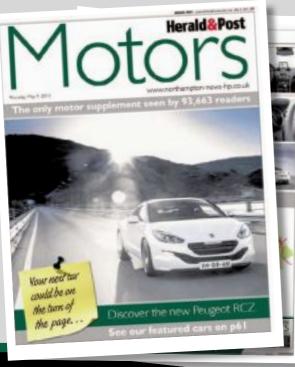
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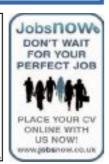
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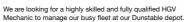
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If you require any further information please contact Nick Rawlings

SCHEDULE

(Length of footpath to be closed)

The route of KU9 to be closed commences at point A on the Map at NGR SP78675 59256. It then travels generally south east for approximately 137 metres to point B at NGR SP78471 59135.

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Wounded Wood calls for Saints to show character

BY DAN PALMER

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Tom Wood has called for Saints to 'go the extra mile' as they bid to banish the ghosts of Saturday's dismal defeat to Leinster in the return Heineken Cup fixture with the Pro 12 giants in Dublin this weekend.

The flanker apologised to fans after the 40-7 annihilation by the Irish visitors who, inspired by the excellent Brian O'Driscoll, bulldozed their way to victory with a performance of devastating speed, power and skill.

They bagged six tries against a shellshocked and unrecognisable Saints whose play was littered with errors.

Northampton's Heineken Cup ambitions are now hanging pre-cariously with a reaction and victory in Leinster's own backvard on Saturday now a necessity if they are to keep their slim hopes of advancing alive.

"We're going to have to have a rocket up our backsides, go the extra mile, play with an extra bit of heart, and try and really get into them," said England man Wood.

"We've got no option than to regroup, have a hard look at ourselves and come out and show a bit of pride.

"Hopefully we'll pull off a really hig win and a turnaround

Leinster now have clear daylight in pool one having won all three of their games at the half-way stage of the competition while Northampton, marooned in third, will have to climb the highest of mountains if they are to qualify for the quarter finals.

Six pool winners will advance to

the knock-out stages as well as the two best runners-up – but even Saints' hopes of making it through using the back-up option look to be unlikely

There would still be a chance of continued European action though with the third to fifth best second-placed sides dropping into the secondary Amlin Challenge Cup competition. Saints still have to travel to



Ospreys and host Castres in the pool after Saturday's game at the Aviva Stadium

'It's a sad state to be in, we had a chance in this pool," said Wood.

"I think on our day we can beat Leinster, but it's a desperate situation as it should never have got to this. It would have been nice to go there on the front foot with some momentum, but we are going to have to show some character."

In last season's Heineken Cun Saints bounced back from another disappointing home defeat to Irish opposition – the 26-5 reverse against Ulster - by beating them

10-9 in Belfast a week later.
"I think that [the Leinster game] was worse than Ulster last year which I didn't think was possible," said Wood. "We lost without playing a hand. I'm pretty embarrassed by my own and the team performance because it was miles off the mark, we've had another lesson that we didn't come for.

"But we managed [a turnaround] last year and hopefully we can manage it again.

Mallinder determined to put things right

FROM BACK PAGE

number of years. We want this week to be a springboard for what is a big month for all of our teams.

"We've got Aviva Premiership matches at Wasps and at home to Bath and Harlequins, while the Wanderers have the Aviva 'A' League final next Monday.

"Leinster have shown us the

level we need to be at to succeed at the top of the game, and it was a significant step up from any other match we've played so far.

"It's going to take a lot of hard work and commitment, but we believe we're better than we showed on Saturday, and will be putting everything into getting things right for the next few weeks

and beyond." Leinster led 26-0 at half-time at the Gardens and Mallinder admitted his men just

failed to get going after a slow beginning to the match. "We made a terrible start and that didn't improve," he said.

"Sometimes in a game you do make bad starts, you do have a bad five or ten minutes, but you at least then expect to come back

fighting for the next 70.
"It's a game we were building up towards and we were completely outclassed. We had some league games recently and Leinster was our big game.

"At home, against one of Europe's finest teams and I feel embar-rassed. We've let the fans down."

Frostbite title is nearly in the bag



ON THE WATER: Action from the series

SAILING

Keith Lancaster has a firmer grip on Hollowell Sailing Club's Frostbite series after two first places on the penultimate

after two first places on the penultimate day of racing on Sunday. Wind speeds were a little light, around 14 to 16 mph, but with gusts of more than 30mph, coupled with the shifting winds of Hollowell, competitors had to stay

Lancaster fought off strong competi-tion from fellow sailors Mike and Helen Playle to win the first of the three races. Barney Creaser in his Streaker grabbing third spot.

However, in the second race Lancaster was left trailing in fourth place as the Playle duo in their Wayfarer claimed the victory, ahead of Ian Clark in his Laser

and Rob Dunkley in his Blaze.

The final race of the day produced some exciting racing with very little water separating the lead boats.

Nonetheless it was Lancaster who claimed first place, about of the Playlog.

claimed first place, ahead of the Playles and young Andrew Sturt in his Topper.

Anthony Stevens was unfortunately caught out on the first mark by a gust,

resulting in him capsizing his Solo.

After struggling to right his boat in freezing waters Stevens who was now some distance behind his fellow competitors was forced to retire from the

Lancaster's two first places cement his lead position further in the overall series. It is still possible that the Playles or Clark could take the title, but it would require a catastrophic performance by Lancaster in the final race day this

Allen strikes gold

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Allen took a three-second victory after a commanding performance that saw him lead for the majority of the course – at one point a full 50-metres in front of

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Eliot Buckner of Loughborough closed on the youngster on the final lap, but Allen judged his race tactics to perfection to seal victory. Meanwhile, R&N lead the West Midlands Young Athletes Cross Country League by 1,869 points.





Boothroyd: December may define the entire season

COBBLERS

BY DAN PALMER

The busy festive schedule could define the Cobblers' season, according to manager Aidy Boothroyd.

Northampton's boss was left with a sour taste in his mouth following Saturday's disappointing 2-0 FA Cup defeat at Skrill Premier high-flyers Grimsby, but he still believes that there is plenty to be positive about due to his side's upturn in league fortunes leading up to the second round reverse at Blundell Park.

Before the cup exit the Cobblers had picked up seven points from the 12 on offer in the prior four league games – keeping three clean sheets in the process and lifting themselves off the foot of League Two.

Boothroyd knows that this sort of form needs to continue ahead of the traditional fixture congestion around Christmas.

"There's certainly been an upturn and we have to maintain that and keep that going in what is a massive month for us," he said.

"It can be a season defining month. I think it's very important that we don't dwell on defeats and focus more on the future and the here and now as these are things I can affect and the things the players can affect.

Three of the next four league games are away from home for Northampton and they know that they will have to improve on their travels if they are to climb away from their current position of 23rd in the division, still one of the relegation spots to non-league foot-



CHRISTMAS CRUNCH: Aidy Boothroyd knows the festive period could be key for the struggling Cobblers

ball and above only Torquay United.

They have a chance to move up the league on Saturday as a victory at opponents Bury would move the Cobblers above the 20th placed Shakers.

The Gigg Lane outfit have just appointed former Barnsley boss David Flitcroft to replace the sacked Kevin Blackwell though, so could benefit from the socalled new manager effect when upward curve we're on.

Northampton come calling. They've got a new manager which will give them a little upsurge, their players will be wanting to prove themselves as players often

do," said Boothroyd.
"But I do think it is genuinely

about what we do.
"I think there's a spirit among this lot, they know the situation we've put ourselves in.

"We need to continue on the

"Our away form isn't where it needs to be, it needs to be much better. If it was a third better last vear then we would have been automatically promoted.

"It's a monkey we need to get off our back and what better time to do it than a very important part of

the season for us.
"When we're playing teams around us we have to put it right, there's the challenge and we have to see if we're up to it.

for young pair COBBLERS

Loan movement



Cobblers goalkeeper Dean Snedker, pictured, has joined Calor Southern League side Banbury United on a month's loan.

The 19-year-old made 19 appearances in a loan spell with Carshalton that ended last weekend and will stay with Banbury until January 4.

Meanwhile, striker David Moyo will

stay at Stamford until January 4 after having his loan extended.

Disappointment in the CYP finals

There was disappointment for Far Cotton ABC as three of their fighters in CYP Championships action were beaten at the final hurdle.

Twins Carl and Ben Fail, as well as Kyle Owen, had all made it through to the last two of the Clubs for Young People tournament in their various weight catego-ries, but all were unsuccessful in their bids for glory at the Shirebrook Leisure

Centre on Friday evening. In the 60kg class Carl Fail lost a majority decision to Tony Vincent of Woking ABC, with three judges awarding the fight to Vincent with two opting for Fail. "This was a cracking contest and I

thought it could have gone either way,' said Far Cotton coach John Daly

Elsewhere, Carl's twin brother Ben lost by unanimous decision to Patrick McDonagh of Walcot ABC in the 63kg

McDonagh, a champion at the Junior National ABAs for the last three years, was always going to be a tough oppo-

"Ben did marvellous and I was pleased with his performance," added Daly.

Owen competed in the 80kg category but his build-up to the final was far from ideal as he received byes all the way through to the final two.

He lost a majority decision to Jahmal Weaver of Pallister Park ABC with the five judges voting 3-2 against him.
"I thought he could have pipped it,"

said Dalv.

There was some success for the club on Saturday with Morgan Bosley and Drew Brown both victorious at the Jubilee WMC in Stoke.

Bosley won a majority decision against Middleton ABC's Josh Quinn, carrying on with the bout despite breaking a thumb in the first round.

There was also a majority decision win for Brown against Middleton's Bilal Rehman.

Cobblers see FA Cup game-plan collapse

Northampton boss Aidy Boothroyd admits his plan fell to pieces at Grimsby as the Cobblers crashed out of the FA Cup in the second round at Blundell Park on Saturday.

In a game of few chances it was the Skrill Premier side who took the lead in the second half when Shaun Pearson nodded home Scott Kerr's free-kick.

The visitors opened up thereafter, but a lack of cutting edge in front of goal was punished by Patrick McLaughlin who struck with the final kick of the game to add to Boothroyd's League Two miserv.

"We set out with a game-plan to frustrate them, to stop them and to break on them," said Boothroyd.
"We did that and I really

couldn't see any real danger apart from a set-play, which we work on all week.

"It was going to be a difficult game from the start, we knew that. Grimsby are doing well in the league and there are not a lot

of spaces between us. But one man loses his marker and it's just a really, really poor goal to con-cede. The game then changes because you've got to chase it and then it's finished.

"It was all going to plan, but then something like that hap-pens and you have to change it. "I would have been quite happy

to take a draw and take the replay, but unfortunately if there's one weak link, the chain breaks."

Northampton turned up the heat in the closing stages. Jacob

Blyth and Ian Morris were denied while substitute Clive Platt wasted the best chance to earn a replay – lashing a left-footed shot wide in the final minute.

"With the second goal, the game is finished because we're pushing to try and get back in it and to win added Boothroyd.

"We started with three men up top – with the two wide players and the centre-forward. The plan was always to use the wind in the second half and play with two up front then."

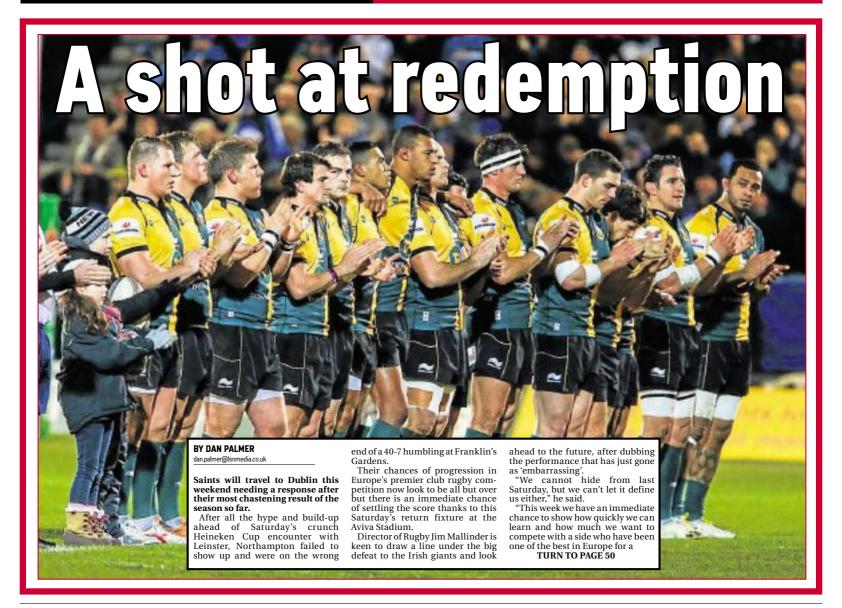
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